

FISCAL NOTE
SB 949 - HB 1719

March 4, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Encourages each LEA to annually measure and record the height and weight of each student; to annually perform and record a body mass index calculation for each student; and to maintain, analyze and track such recorded information in order to promote student health and wellness.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

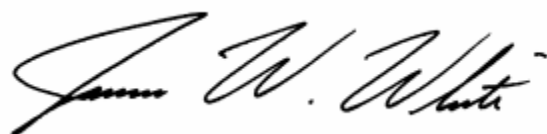
Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the Department of Education develops and the LEAs implement a program to collect, analyze and track such student BMI information, costs could exceed \$1,000,000 to the state and exceed \$100,000 to local governments. The implementation of such a program would include training individuals to collect this data, the purchase of equipment to measure BMI, the development of a data collection/management information system, professional development, and additional staff within the Department of Education to provide coordination for this effort.

Assumptions:

- Since this bill encourages but does not mandate development and implementation of a program to collect and track BMI information, the cost of this bill is estimated to be not significant. It is assumed that topics such as healthy eating and the importance of physical activity is currently addressed to some extent in Lifetime Wellness, Health and Biology classes.
- However, to the extent the Department of Education and the LEAs develop and implement such a program to include all students in the state public schools, (approximately 900,000) state and local government expenditures will increase.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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